

degree, and went on to serve in the Marine Corps from 1956–1957. He was the captain of the Quantico Marine Corps basketball team and Pendleton Marine Corps basketball team, winning a Marine Corps Championship with the Quantico Marines in 1956. He later earned his masters' degree in 1965 at Oregon State University.

He began his coaching career in 1958 as the varsity basketball coach at Fife High School in Washington State, where he led the team to a 4th place finish in the 1961 State Tournament. After 6 years of dedicated service to Fife High School, Coach Pepple went on to be the assistant coach at Meadowdale High School from 1964–1966, and then varsity coach at Mark Morris High School in 1967.

In 1968, Coach Ed Pepple began as varsity coach at Mercer Island High School, where he has led the team to 23 league championship tournaments, 4 final placements as State AAA Champions, and 13 second place finishes in the State championship tournament. His overall winning record during his tenure at Mercer Island High School is 78.8 percent after winning 882 of the 1119 games he has coached.

During these 52 years of devoted public service, Coach Pepple has been recognized by numerous organizations as an outstanding basketball coach and is nationally renowned for his inspiration, dedication, and success. In 1985, after leading Mercer Island High School to his first State AAA championship, Coach Pepple was awarded his first Coach of the Year Award by both the Kingco Conference, and the Washington State Interscholastic Basketball Association. He has since won the Kingco Coach of the year award five more times, and the Washington State Interscholastic Basketball Association award again in 1993.

In 1986, Coach Pepple was nationally celebrated when he received the Region 7 Coach of the Year award from the National High School Athletic Coaches Association, NHSACA. He received this award once again in 1993 and 1998. In 1998 Coach Pepple was also recognized by the NHSACA as the National Coach of the Year, one of the highest national awards a distinguished coach can receive. He has also served as the prestigious West Head Coach of the McDonald's All American Game, and served on the McDonalds All American Game Selection Committee for 17 years.

In 1997 and 1999, the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association also recognized Coach Pepple as the AAA Coach of the Year. He has been the chairman of this organization for the past 26 years. In total, Coach Pepple has been awarded 17 Coach of the Year awards and has been inaugurated into the Puget Sound Hall of Fame, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame, the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and most recently the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

Upon his retirement Coach Pepple will be inaugurated into the Everett Community College Hall of Fame, and honored by the establishment of the Ed Pepple Coaches' Service Award by the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association, as recognition of his service to the Washington State basketball community.

It is through the commitment and sacrifice of Americans such as Eddie Lee Pepple that our young adults are able to thrive and succeed. He has bettered our communities in Washington State, and touched the lives of countless students through his dedication to coaching and teaching. I am proud to thank him, his wife Shirley, and children Terry, Jill, Jody, and Kyle for his honorable service to our Nation as a coach. I congratulate Coach Pepple and give my best wishes as he concludes his distinguished career.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that it has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2510. An act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse States for the costs incurred in establishing a program to track and confirm the receipt of voted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office and make information on the receipt of such ballots available by means of online access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2728. An act to provide financial support for the operation of the law library of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2749. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of food in the global market, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2913. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3269. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation and to prevent perverse incentives in the compensation practices of financial institutions.

H.R. 3326. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3435. An act making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program.

H.J. Res. 12. Joint resolution expressing support for designation of September 2009 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and honoring gospel music for its valuable and long-standing contributions to the culture of the United States.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 171. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for an event to honor military personnel who have died in service to the United States and to acknowledge the sacrifice of the families of those individuals as part of the National Weekend of Remembrance.

The message further announced that it has passed the following joint resolution (S.J. Res. 19) granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, without amendment.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194 of title 14, United States Code, Mr. OBERSTAR, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors: Mr. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD of Maine, Ms. MAZIE K. HIRONO of Hawaii, and Mr. JOHN L. MICA of Florida.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1107. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3357. An act to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2510. An act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse States for the costs incurred in establishing a program to track and confirm the receipt of voted absentee ballots in elections for Federal office and make information on the receipt of such ballots available by means of online access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2728. An act to provide financial support for the operation of the law library of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H.R. 2749. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve